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WHAT ARE BALSERID AND THIS MYSTERIOUS PERSON PLANNING...?

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Hm...

SECURING A POSITION ON THE RUIN INVEST-IGATION...

WELL DONE, MY FRIEND.

BUT...

HAVE YOU VERIFIED HER CAPABILITY TO SERVE AS THE KEY?

YES.

AFTER THE ABYSS EXPLODED, I SAW THE RUIN SWALLOW HER UP, AS IF TO PROTECT HER.

AND THAT SETTLES IT.

WITH THAT KEY, WE CAN REACH THE HIDDEN AND UNEXPLORED DEPTHS OF THE RUINS.

AND THUS I WILL BE able TO OBTAIN THE GREATEST POWER AND THE GREATEST WEALTH.

THE "AJI DAHAKA" I BOUGHT FROM YOU IS THE STRONGEST.

IT WON'T LOSE TO ANYONE.

BUT, YOU HAVE SOME WEIRD DUEL TO WIN BEFORE THE ENGAGEMENT GOES THROUGH.

A FOOLISH QUESTION, MY FRIEND.

ARE YOU ASSURED VICTORY?

FOR EXAMPLE, EVEN IF...

THE BLACK HERO WERE TO APPEAR.

OH, SPEAKING OF WHICH...

I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU ON THAT TOPIC, LORD BALSERID.

?.....

THE LEGEND OF THE OLD EMPIRE, THE BLACK HERO-- HIS DIVINE DRESS AND ITS TRUE FORM...

DO YOU WANT TO BUY THAT INFORMATION?

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CHAPTER 17: A LONELY LYNCHPIN

KRULCIFER-SAN, YOU'RE...

A SURVIVOR OF THE RUINS?

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IN YMIR, THE FOURTH RUIN, HOLE.

THE EINFOLK FAMILY LED AN INVESTIGATION THERE..

AND I WAS DISCOVERED BY MY ADOPTIVE FATHER.

NO, I WAS EXCAVATED.

?

...IN THE RUINS, THERE ARE...

BOXES THAT HIDE THE SECRETS OF ANCIENT TIMES.

I WAS FOUND INSIDE A SIMILAR BOX,

STILL INCREDIBLY YOUNG.

BUT PROBABLY BECAUSE...

THEY EXPECTED ME TO LINK THEM TO THE LOST PAST THROUGH THE RUINS.

...AND THEN THEY ADOPTED ME.

CERTAINLY NOT BECAUSE THEY WERE AFFLUENT,

BUT,
I HAD NO
MEMORIES
OF THE
PAST.

KNOWING
NOTHING,

I WAS
RAISED BY
THE EINFOLK
FAMILY...

AND
THEN...

U—
UMM...

I STARTED WORKING IN THIS MANSION YESTERDAY...

ALTÉRISE,

COME HERE.

!

HUH...?

EVEN SHE HAS PEOPLE AROUND HER...

WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE...

THAT GIRL WAS...

A CHILD THEY GOT FROM THE ORPHANAGE.

TREATED ME COLDLY, SO IT WAS OBVIOUS.

AND EVEN THE SERVANTS

MY PARENTS

MY SIBLINGS

ONCE I BECAME MORE AWARE OF MY SURROUNDINGS, I REALIZED THAT I WAS ADOPTED.

I UNDER-STOOD...

I WAS DIFFERENT FROM THE PEOPLE IN THAT HOUSE.

NO MATTER HOW PAINFUL IT WAS, I BORE THROUGH IT ALL.

THAT'S WHY I TRIED SO HARD.

SO THAT THEY ALL MIGHT COME TO LIKE ME.

THEY MIGHT RECOGNIZE ME AS FAMILY...!!

SO THAT ONE DAY-

TO OBTAIN FAFNIR AT THIS AGE...

SHE'S A GENIUS...

NOW, EVERYONE WILL...!

FINALLY...

AAH... KRULCIFER... THAT GIRL...

Really just isn't like the rest of us.

...ULTI-
MATELY,

THE MORE
I TRIED, THE
FARTHER FROM
THEM I GOT.

I COULD
NOT OBTAIN
WHAT I DESIRED
MOST.

...IS THAT
WHY YOU WERE
SO OBSESSED
WITH THIS
INVESTIGATION?

...YES.

I'VE
ALWAYS
WANTED
TO FIND
OUT.

MAYBE
EVERYTHING
I'VE BEEN TOLD
UNTIL NOW WAS
A MISTAKE,

AND I WAS
REALLY JUST A
NORMAL GIRL
OF THE EINFOLK
FAMILY ALL
ALONG.

EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING I DID IN THE PAST...

SEEING THE REACTION OF THE RUINS TOWARDS ME, I'VE COME TO UNDERSTAND.

...BUT, IT TURNS OUT THAT I REALLY AM A SURVIVOR OF THE RUINS.

NO, IT'S ALRIGHT.

MAYBE THERE ARE MORE CLUES TO BE FOUND IN THE RUINS IN YUMIR--

WE DON'T REALLY KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS PLACE!

WE-- WE DON'T KNOW THAT FOR SURE YET!

...HUH...?

I HATE THE EINFOLK SO MUCH...

EVEN THOUGH...

IN THE END, WHAT I WAS MOST SCARED OF,

EVEN THOUGH I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW THE TRUTH...

KRULCIFER-SA

...I'M SORRY, FOR MAKING YOU PUT UP WITH MY SELFISHNESS.

WAS KNOWING I WAS DIFFERENT...

FOR...

SOMEONE SO WORTHLESS ...

THAT'S NOT TRUE!

LUX...

KUN...?

So...

YOU'RE MY GIRLFR--

MY PARTNER!

YMIR AND THE EINFOLK DON'T MATTER!

KRULCIFER-SAN, YOU'RE ONE OF OUR ALLIES!

DON'T SAY SUCH

LONELY THINGS...

HA...

HAHAHA...

LUX-KUN,

YOU SHOULDN'T PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO A WOMAN'S WHINING.

WH--
WHAT?!

LET ME GIVE YOU SOME ADVICE, LUX-KUN.

YOUR ONLY WEAKNESS IS THAT YOU'RE TOO KIND TO OTHERS.

HAHA...

SO--

THAT WAS ALL A LIE?!

...WHAT?

I'M NOT PARTICULARLY CHARISMATIC.

IT'S JUST...

THIS WAS PROBABLY MY DESTINY.

...BUT HOW DID YOU END UP WITH SO MUCH CHARISMA?

A PRINCE OF THE INFAMOUS OLD EMPIRE...

NINE YEARS AGO...

OF MY MOTHER'S FATHER, WADE RODEBELT.

THE REASON I, MY MOTHER, AND AIRI WERE EXPELLED FROM THE IMPERIAL PALACE...

WAS THE PROTESTS

MY GRANDFATHER, A FORMER FEUDAL LORD AND AT THE TIME THE TUTOR FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY,

COULD NOT TURN A BLIND EYE TO THE ACTIONS OF THE CONTEMPORARY ADMINISTRATION.

AND AS PUNISHMENT, WE WERE EXPELLED FROM THE IMPERIAL PALACE AS WELL

THE EMPEROR AND THE PRIME MINISTER IMPRISONED HIM FOR LIBEL,

THEN,

ONE DAY ROUGHLY TWO YEARS LATER...

LUX

MOTHER...

THAT'S RIGHT... MOTHER...

I'LL HEAD TO THE ROAD WITH MOTHER...

THEN...

SHE'S ALIVE...

DID SHE FALL...?

MOTHER ...!

Fo...

DID YOU HEAR THAT? SOMEONE CALLED OUT...

HEY, WHAT WAS THAT?!

A LAND-SLIDE?! A CARRIAGE FELL!

WAIT UP! WE'LL BE THERE--

!!

PL-- PLEASE, HELP US!

WE'RE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY...

WE'RE OF THE ARCADIA FAMILY IN FIRLEND!

IF WE DON'T GET HER TO A DOCTOR FAST... MOTHER WILL...

PLEASE! I'LL REWARD YOU ALL!

WHA--

GO...

.....!?

DO YOU EVEN UNDER-STAND

WHAT YOU ROYALS AND NOBLES HAVE DONE TO US?!

SHUT UP. YOU PIECE OF SHIT!

DIE HERE PITIFULLY.

THAT'S RIGHT!

AND SINCE YOU WERE EXPELLED FROM THE IMPERIAL PALACE,

WE HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP YOU!

FALLEN PRINCE!

I DID,

OF COURSE.

...A TERRIBLE STORY.

DON'T YOU HATE ANY OF THEM?

I FELL INTO DESPAIR AND BEGAN HATING EVERYTHING.

I CONVINCED MYSELF THAT THIS ENTIRE WORLD WAS CURSED.

EVERYONE AROUND ME, I HATED THEM.

THE OLD EMPIRE, THE PEASANTRY,

MY FATHER, WHO WAS THE EMPEROR, THE ROYALTY,

BUT...

...PHILFY SAVED ME.

...THEN, I REALIZED.

EVEN THOUGH I NO LONGER HAD ANY VALUE AS ROYALTY, SHE STAYED BY MY SIDE...

AND SHE SNUCK OUT OF HER HOUSE EVERY DAY TO MEET ME.

I DIDN'T WANT TO HATE THE PEOPLE I LOVED BECAUSE OF THE EMPIRE.

I DIDN'T ACTUALLY WANT TO HATE EVERYONE.

...THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO CHANGE THE COUNTRY.

I WANTED TO CREATE A COUNTRY WHERE I COULD LIVE HAPPY WITH THOSE I LOVED.

IF YOU'D BEEN A PRINCE OF THE NEW KINGDOM,

WOULD YOU HAVE SAVED ME AS WELL?

HUH...?

IT'S NOTHING.

HEY, ARE YOU DOWN THERE?

LUX! KRULCIFER!

WHA--

!?

M-MISS LISHA, AND EVERYONE ELSE!

YOU CAME TO SAVE US?!

HEY, THEY'RE HERE!

I FOUND YOU, LUX!

IT'S GREAT THAT EVERYONE TURNED UP SAFE!

YES. USING MY DRAKE, WE WERE ABLE TO DETERMINE YOUR LOCATION.

CAN YOU WALK, LUX-KUN?

YES.

ALL THAT'S LEFT WAS TO RETRIEVE YOU GUYS. LET'S MARK DOWN THIS STRATEGY AS A SUCCESS.

I'VE HAD THE REST OF THE EXPEDITION MEMBERS COLLECT THE EXCAVATED DOCUMENTS, AND MACHINE DRAGON MATERIALS THEN STANDBY NEAR THE GATE.

WEIRD?

Hey... Lux, you weren't doing anything weird with Krulcifer right?

UGH...

YOU PERVERT!

WHAT?!

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So...

Ultimately, you didn't get any information about the Key?

You even destroyed your Wyvern in the process...

Well, I'm sorry ...

I'm angry because you're not reflecting on this!

The ruin was dangerous as is, and yet you were so reckless...

.....

...In the end,

The Horn Flute wasn't the Key, right?

Ipa-!

DID YOU NOTICE ANYTHING WEIRD OTHERWISE?

OUR PREDICTION WAS OFF...

YEAH. EVEN INSIDE THE RUIN, IT DIDN'T REALLY CAUSE ANYTHING TO HAPPEN.

NO...

NOTHING IMPORTANT.

...I SEE.

WE DIDN'T MAKE ANY PROGRESS, BUT IT COULDN'T BE HELPED.

AH, BROTHER.

PLEASE DRINK THIS AND LIE DOWN.

WHAT'S THIS...?

THIS IS AN INFUSION I GOT FROM KRULCIFER-SAN.

YOU'LL MAKE IT IN TIME FOR THE DUEL, SO REST NOW, PLEASE.

...YEAH.

THANKS.

.....

...Are you satisfied now,
Krulcifer-san?

It seems that you really don't know anything about my brother.

CROSS-FEED, THIRD BLOCK

"CHURCH RUINS"

OH...

.....

YOU CAME AS PROMISED, MY FUTURE WIFE.

BY THE WAY... WHERE'S THAT BOY YOU SAID WAS YOUR LOVER?

I CAN'T SEE HIM...

DID HE GET SCARED AND RUN?

.....?

I HAD HIM GO BACK.

DO YOU NOT UNDER-STAND?

I CAN'T HAVE HIM

PUT UP WITH THIS FARCE ANY LONGER.

I'VE ALREADY BEEN SAVED BY HIM ENOUGH...!

...MS. ALTÉRISE.

...THE DUEL BEGINS NOW.

AND SHALL END ONCE A MACHINE DRAGON IS DESTROYED OR A SURRENDER IS RAISED!

DO YOU ACCEPT THIS, MY LADY?!

I'VE BEEN PREPARED...

I'M PREPARED.

YES.

HAHAHA... ALRIGHT THEN!

LET THE DUEL BEGIN!

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HEY, LUX, HOW ARE YOUR INJURIES...

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THIS BALSERID GUY STINKS.

HE'S OVERLY AMBITIOUS, AND IT SEEMS HE'S HIRED PIRATES TO MAKE A PRIVATE ARMY SEVERAL TIMES.

WELL, I DID SOME RESEARCH ON SOMETHING LUX ASKED ME ABOUT EARLIER.

IT'S WORSE THAN THAT.

THAT'S ... CERTAINLY WEIRD.

ON THE QUESTIONS OF WHY WE CANNOT BE RID OF BALSERID, AND HIS AIMS.

I RECENTLY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MY MOTHER, THE QUEEN,

ON...

THE QUESTION OF THIS CRISIS OF THE NEW KINGDOM.

WHAT IS THIS INFORMATION LISHA RECEIVED?!
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